

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., September 14, 2004, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman absent -  
(left his proxy with Commission Secretary)  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner (via telephone)

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(355) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes;

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of September 6, 2004. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel  
Utility Division

(356) In the matter of MCI - N2004.8.139:

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve MCI's request to add new language to Advanced Option ii for small Business saving Plan XII, XIII, XIV and XV grant the protective order subject to the Great Falls Tribune standard and PSC rules. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten  
Utility Division

(357) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2004.8.125 – PSC Initiated – Request approval of new rate caps for Period October 1, 2004 through Sept. 30, 2005:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve new rate caps for the period from October 1, 2004 on the maximum allowable rates in N2004.8.125 for operator service providers. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel

Legal Division

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Blackfoot Communications and One Eighty Communications to require Qwest Communications to honor existing interconnection agreements – Docket No.D2004.7.112:

Commissioner Stovall moved to grant the request of Blackfoot Communications and One Eighty Communications with respect to the governing effective date of interconnection agreements under change of law provision. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Rowe did not leave a vote on this.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

Utility Division

(359) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana signing on to 4 - state letter to BPA:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve Montana Commission signing letter to BPA. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Marla Larson

Utility Division

(360) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Organization of MISO States (OMS) is considering providing comments to the DOE concerning the proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Bottlenecks:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to authorize Commissioner Greg Jergeson to cast Montana's vote on OMS Comments to DOE on NIETB consistent with the Montana position expressed in the CREPC comments on the same matter. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4 – 0. Commissioner Rowe did not leave vote on this.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator

Utility Division

(361) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of allowing out-of-state travel for Gary Duncan to Albuquerque, New Mexico for training:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the out-of-state travel for Gary Duncan. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson  
Legal Division

(362) In the matter of T-04.40.PCN – Ravalli County Council on Aging, dba Bitterroot Bus, the application to amend Certificate of PCN. Bitterroot Bus has applied to remove a limitation on its motor carrier authority:

Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the motion to continue the hearing. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

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